

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/779,925

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 25 January 2006, 31 January 2006.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 - 2, ⁵ 12, 14 - 15, 18 - 20, 31 - 32, all other claims canceled. ZB

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____

RAYMOND J. BAYERL
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Mr. Lee on 6, 7 February 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) In connection with a computer having a user interface, a method comprising:

displaying a modeless prompt that includes a description of an object associated with a webpage for which an action is blocked; and

displaying an interactive prompt corresponding to the object,

wherein the object is one of multiple kinds of objects for which an action may be blocked, and for which a description may appear in said modeless prompt.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

displaying an advisory that an action for at least one of multiple kinds of objects associated with a webpage is blocked; and

displaying a description of the object in a modeless prompt, in which a description for all of the multiple kinds of objects may be displayed;

displaying an interactive prompt to enable the object to be acted upon,
wherein the description of the object is displayed in connection with a sequential listing of blocked objects associated with the webpage.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein displaying the description of the object is performed in response to a user action including clicking as a pointer hovers over a portion of the [advisory] modeless prompt.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) In connection with a computer, a user interface to provide a prompt in accordance with detected objects associated with a webpage, comprising:

a text field, in a modeless prompt, to display an advisory that an action for at least one of multiple kinds of objects associated with a webpage has been suppressed, wherein a description for all of the multiple kinds of objects may be displayed;

a modal prompt to enable using interaction with the text field to activate the action; and

an interface to display a description of the object.

4. The above Examiner's amendments as approved serve to modify the text of the supplemental amendment filed 31 January 2006. They have been entered so as to distinguish the claimed invention properly over the prior art of record, and to correct a difficulty in claim 8 regarding antecedent basis for "the advisory".

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner has carefully considered the three independent claims 1, 5, 11, and deems that they are not taught nor suggested by the prior art now made of record. Particularly overcome are the previous rejections under 35 USC 102(a) and 103(a), based upon Pennell et al. ("Pennell"; US #2003/0098883 A1), and Pennell in view of "Google Toolbar Options Help" ("Google"; http://toolbar.google.com/popup_help, 4 December 2003).

While it was known in the art to provide "a modeless prompt" that gives an advisory that "an object associated with a webpage is blocked" (independent claim 1 quoted as exemplary), as in the bad window-indicating icon of Pennell's fig 8 and the indication that a certain number of pop-ups have been blocked in the Google toolbar, neither this nor the remaining art of record has, within such a "prompt", "a description of an object" that "may appear" for "one of multiple kinds of objects for which an action may be blocked". Pennell and Google are both restricted to blocking pop-up windows, but not the wider variety of "kinds" of associated objects that may seek to invoke an "action".

Also noted by the Examiner as particularly relevant in the present consideration of the application is the previously-cited Chebolu et al. ("Chebolu"; US #2005/0066290 A1), where POP-UP CAPTURE is enacted, to prevent the displaying of a pop-up window if a current user of the computer has not requested the pop-up window (Abstract). However, the particular form of "modeless prompt" display that gives a "description" that can be of "multiple kinds of objects" is not taught nor suggested by

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Chebolu, who do not enter into the particulars of how a user might be apprised of the arrival of "an object associated with a webpage" that would be so "blocked".

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond J. Bayerl whose telephone number is (571) 272-4045. The examiner can normally be reached on M - Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM ET.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached on (571) 272-4048. All patent application related correspondence transmitted by FAX **must be directed** to the central FAX number (571) 273-8300.

9. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.



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